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Conclusion:

In asking for your support I do not question the right of many / my fellow citizens to disagree with the plan for peace I have chosen & decided to follow.

1. Since I realize this is most controversial war in our history:
   a. Honest + patriotic Americans have reached different conclusions as to how & whether we should have become involved at all, as to how the war has been conducted & as to how peace should be achieved

In San Francisco a few weeks ago I saw demonstrators carrying signs reading "Home in '45, Bring the boys home."

① One of the strengths of our free society is that any American has a right to reach that conclusion + to advocate that point of view.

② But as President of the United States I would be untrue to my oath of office if I allowed policy of the nation to be dictated by the minority & who hold that view + who attempt to impose it on the nation by mounting demonstrations in the streets -
   a For 190 yrs the policy of the nation has been made by the orderly Constitutional process - by the Congress of the People - those elected by all the people - in the Congress + in the White House -
   b If a vocal minority, however fervent its convictions may be & the will of the majority this nation has no future as a free society.

~~the~~ ~~[illegible]~~ indemnity for peace would be indefensible

But Even more disturbing than the message in the placards was the message I saw ~~[illegible]~~ on the faces of those young Americans who were demonstrating.

~~I saw I saw the face of hatred~~

It was ~~hatred~~ hate – bitter, deep & implacable – ~~[illegible]~~ I was not concerned personally – for the President – but for the nation.

I would like to address a word to ~~all~~ ~~who listen to~~ ~~me~~ ~~and to~~ discuss the young in the country who may feel this way or who oppose my policy for peace –

1. I do not hate those who oppose me – I understand your concern – I share it. I commend those who in honesty ~~[illegible]~~

2. I know that hate ~~[illegible]~~

I saw on those young faces reflected a deep idealism – which makes our young people – such a potential power for good in America & world.

3. I want ~~to~~ peace as much as you do –

① The political reasons are irrelevant.

① I have ~~[illegible]~~ chosen a plan for peace –

② I ~~[illegible]~~ believe it will succeed.

③ If ~~it does~~ ~~work~~ it proves to be wrong what the critics say ~~then~~ now won't matter.

③ If it does work – what anything I say then will not matter –

② There are more powerful & reasons which concern me personally

① This week I signed letters to mothers fathers wives & loved ones of men who gave their lives for America in V. Nam –

② This was only 1/3 as many as 1st week –

③ But this is small satisfaction

④ There is nothing I want more than ~~[illegible]~~ to ~~[illegible]~~ ~~letters~~ the day – when I no longer must write those letters

③ There is another reason which concerns you

~~[illegible]~~ I believe in American young people – motivated by idealism.

I want ~~those who~~ that great energy & dedication ~~against~~ now devoted in protest for peace – to be devoted to the challenges for a decent life for all – in America & world

increase chances

~~if peace~~

I want to end war to save those lives ~~[illegible]~~

① I want to ~~end it~~ in a way which will ~~[illegible]~~ bring a peace ~~[illegible]~~ so that this younger brother & their sons will not have to fight in some future war –

I know it isn't fashionable to speak / patriotism or national destiny:

① But 100 years ago when Amin was coach & pan-
we were the hope of world -

② Today ~~when we are~~ Because we are stupid & violent -

① with pain & pride some depend on
this note - it nobility, ~~some~~ some
not dignity - its spirit ~~stupid~~.

③ ~~Let us now we are~~ we are violent - let
Amin not pass on the old side of street - ~~which~~
& other that hope ~~to be lost~~ snuffed
out - & the ~~black~~ dark blood grey of ~~today~~
distinctly support Judeo in a note of the note
~~scoop is written~~ on the earth;

50 years ago President Wilson in the room at
this desk - wrote words which caught the inquisitive
of a war weary world.

① World war I was the war to end wars -

② His dream for peace after the war
was shattered & had results of great power politics
+ Wilson ~~died~~ died a broken man -

① Today I do not tell you the war
in Viet Nam is the war to end wars

② I do say let us end this war in a way
that ~~will~~ will enable us to
win ~~the first~~ a just peace - just for us
just for ~~the~~ right just for S. V. Nam - just for people of U. V. Nam

I do not tell you this is the way to end war
But I do say I shall end this war
in a way that will bring down
that just & lasting peace to
which Woodrow Wilson &
every President in our history
has been dedicated -
As President I have the responsibility
to chose the best path to
that goal & to lead the nation along it.

I pledge to you I shall meet
that responsibility with all the
strength & wisdom I can command
in accordance with your hope
Mindful of your confidence
sustained by your prayers